

Wanderers out of a 'Cup' they could still take!

Worthing 3, Wycombe Wanderers 1 (after extra time)

WYCOMBE WANDERERS were knocked out of the 1968-69 A.F.A. Invitation Cup in the semi-final at Worthing on Saturday, yet they could win the trophy on Saturday when they play Dulwich Hamlet in the final of last season's competition!

The early play on a pitch made slippery by rain, suggested Wycombe would have no trouble in beating Worthing, who had a good season in Division II of the Athenian League but, like Eastbourne, just missed promotion.

In the first attack Samuels headed over the bar when Horseman created a good chance with a superbly-placed centre, and they took the lead in the sixth minute when, after a cross by Worley, Horseman shot in.

Goalkeeper Maskell received a kick on the kidneys when making a save and was in some discomfort after the game had been held up while he received attention.

Worley created great havoc in the Worthing defence and Arnold only just held a fierce low shot from him. After being in no real trouble Wycombe had to thank Thomas for keeping their lead in the 25th minute.

In the second half Worthing had the wind and the drizzling rain at their backs but Wycombe were the first to attack. Worley forced Arnold to a great save but the visitors missed a grand opportunity when Samuels set up a chance only for Faulkner, seven yards out, to scoop his shot and the ball rebounded from the underside of the bar.

Leighton, who was physically powerful rather than skilful, equalised in the 56th minute when he headed in from a Bartle corner.

The game went into extra time and in the first half Worthing took the lead. Maskell punched out a Bartle corner but it went to Welsh whose speculative 30-yard ground shot found a way through the packed defence and wide of the unsighted Maskell.

Worthing certainly finished the stronger and in the final minute Streeter scored the third after Maskell and Thomas had failed to clear.

Wycombe: J. Maskell; L. Temel, D. Thomas; K. Stevenson, I. Rundle, J. Lailey; L. Worley, B. Baker, V. Faulkner, A. Horseman, K. Samuels.